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## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-060-C - ORDER NO. 96-186 - MARCH 13, 1996

IN RE: Request of BellSouth Telecommunications (CRANTING For Approval of Revisions to its General (CRANTING Subscriber Service Tariff for Approval (COMPANTION) (COMPANTING (COMPANTION) (C

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition to Intervene Out of Time of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile (BANM).

According to its Petition, BANM, through its affiliates and subsidiaries, provides cellular telephone service to customers within South Carolina, and in providing such cellular service, purchases interconnection services and other services from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth). BANM participated in the negotiations resulting in the Tariff Revisions for which approval is sought in this proceeding. BANM states that it has a vital interest in the outcome of this matter. BANM states its desire to participate in this proceeding to support the approval of reduced interconnection rates and charges, to respond to the positions of the other parties, and take other positions as it deems desirable. BANM states that it did not initially intervene in this proceeding so as not to impede the approval of BellSouth's

filing.

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC) has now intervened in the matter, therefore, BANM states that it now believes that it is necessary for it to intervene in order to protect its interests. It states that assertions made by SCTC in its Petition to Intervene raised certain issues, which BANM is in a position to address through its participation in this proceeding. As a consumer of BellSouth interconnection services, BANM states that it can bring a perspective to these proceeding which may not otherwise be heard by the Commission. BANM further states that its intervention would not prejudice any party to this proceeding, nor cause any delay.

The Commission has examined this matter and believes that BANM shows just cause as to why it should be allowed to Petition to Intervene Out of Time in this matter. BANM's Petition is therefore granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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